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Idaho Guard and Army Reserves Talk Domestic Ops

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For decades, only the National Guard has had the unique position to serve dual missions of both federal call-ups and state emergency responses.

The latest change to the National Defense Authorization Act now permits reservists to be called to active duty in support of state disasters and emergencies.

This is a significant change in that previously, because the reserves are a federal entity and have no state mission, they were unable to respond to a disaster in their community. Now, under Title 10 U.S. Code § 12304a, when a governor of a state requires assistance, the Secretary of Defense may order a reserve unit or individual members of the reserves, including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force Reserves, to active duty in response to a Governor's request. Now, not only can reservists be activated for state missions, the act can place a reservist under the command and control of a National Guard dual-status commander.

Defense Support of Civil Authority, or DSCA, is something the Guard has done for ages. However, for the reserves, this is an entirely new arena. In late September, to help the Army Reserve units in the state understand the National Guard's processes for conducting state active

duty, the commanding general of the Idaho National Guard, Maj. Gen. Gary Sayler, reached out to the higher headquarters of several reserve units here in Idaho.



Col. Bill Steinkirchner, DSCA liaison officer, 79th Sustainment Support Command, discusses Army Reserve capabilities with IDNG domestic operations officer Lt. Col. Chris Eden during their initial meeting Sept. 27. The meeting was held to provide a better understanding of how the two entities may operate together during state emergencies. Lt. Col. Adrian Hoadrea, future operations officer of the 364th Sustainment Command and Col. Scott Syme, Idaho Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer of the Region 10 Defense Coordinating Office were all in attendance, representing the higher headquarters of most of the U.S. Army Reserve's logistical units based in Idaho.

Representing the Idaho National Guard, domestic operations officer Lt. Col. Chris Eden of Idaho's Joint Force Headquarters led an introductory meeting Sept. 27 with Army Reserve Col. Bill Steinkirchner, the DSCA liaison officer for the 79th Sustainment Support Command and Lt. Col. Adrian Hoadrea, future operations officer of the 364th Sustainment Command. These two reservists represented the higher headquarters of most of the U.S.

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"We're here to increase awareness of how the Idaho National Guard operates during DSCA operations, which will allow reserve units to more quickly integrate and begin providing support," Eden said after a productive first round of discussions on the topic.

The meeting was held at the Idaho National Guard's Joint Operations Center located at the Idaho Military Division Headquarters on Gowen Field in Boise. While both the National Guard and the Reserves train to the same wartime functions and standards, prior to the end of their initial meeting, Eden and Steinkirchner both agreed that the two entities need to become more familiar with the way they conduct day-to-day business to ensure a high level of interoperability, should the need arise.

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